



# Sharpsburg Town Crier

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## A Message from the Mayor

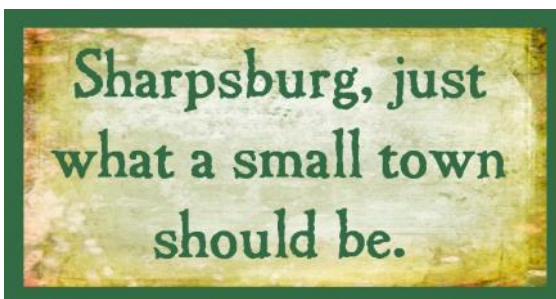
One of the core principals which makes Sharpsburg just *what a small town should be* is safety. Providing a safe place to live and raise a family is the perhaps most important function of any governing body. The Town of Sharpsburg is blessed that we do not have the serious on-going crime problems currently plaguing many American cities. This is not to say we do not have our challenges.

Safety implementation comes in two broad categories. The first is enforcement. The bases for all enforcement are the codes of Maryland and the Town of Sharpsburg. We are in the process of assessing these restrictions and working with the State delegation, Maryland Department of Transportation and within our own council to make sure signs and codes are properly place. For example, at a corner where there is poor visibility when pulling onto Route 34 there is a lack of the necessary sign stating no parking from the sign to the corner. We are in the process of evaluating all our signs not only for the ability to enforce them but to make sure they are easily seen and up to date. As a second example, we received a number of complaints concerning large vehicles such as tractor and trailers being parked on Town streets. There is nothing in the Maryland Transportation Code to prevent this. Working with our state delegate Wivell we had this placed into the transportation code this legislative session. We work the majority of our enforcement through the Washington County Sheriff's department with whom we have had excellent rapport under retiring Sheriff Mullendore, and we expect the same with newly elected Sheriff Albert.



Mayor Russ Weaver in

Our assigned sheriff works with us to focus on local issues such as monitoring pedestrian traffic in the square and resolving vandalism captured on our series of Town cameras. In an effort to be transparent, Sherriiff Peyton's activity report is published monthly as part of the Council minutes. (Minutes attached)



The second form of implementation is built in-safety done in a way similar to quality being built into products. One example is our local fire and rescue units. These are a tremendous asset and when seconds count, we are very fortunate to have superior fire and rescue services just minutes away from every home in Sharpsburg. We are also dedicated to maintaining a safe environment which includes: safe and passible streets during

snow events, walkways level and clear of overhanging branches, safely constructed and maintained public parks, and well lighted public parks and parking areas. Whether you've lived in your home for 2 weeks or 20 years, a home assessment will help you find ways to make your home a safer place for you and your loved ones. There are several good home safety and security check-lists online and you can get assessment help from our fire and rescue organizations. Safety is everyone's job and a core competency in making Sharpsburg just *what a small town should be*.

- Mayor Russ Weaver



## From the Mayor and Council

### Memorial Day Parade Planning

Would you like to participate in this year's Memorial Day Parade, or do you know an organization or group that would? Fill out and return the attached application by April 15 to be a part of this historic event!

An applications is found in Attachments, pages 12 and 13.

- Vice Mayor Jacob Martz



### Stray/Outdoor/Feral Cats in the Town



The Office of the Mayor once again calls your attention to the issue of Sharpsburg's feral and stray cats. The town receives lots of residents' complaints about them defecating/urinating on

properties, creating unpleasant odors, plus the negative visual impacts of publicly visible feeding stations.

One way to address the issue is to trap, fix/neuter, vaccinate, and release them back into the town environment. This will eventually reduce their numbers, improve their health, reduce the odor/nuisance, and reduce their public health threat. This is good for the community and the cats.

The town has a volunteer who will work with Tip Me Frederick



Frederick<sup>1</sup> to trap, neuter, treat and return stray cats back onto the streets of Sharpsburg. If you want to help with the cats' health and make our town a more pleasant place, please contact Town Hall (106 E Main St./301-432-4428). Specifically, if you have stray cats visiting your property you'd like to have neutered, vaccinated, and returned, call that number. We will get your information to the good Samaritan who is willing to help the town with this.

<sup>1</sup> - Tip Me Frederick is a non-profit Trap-Neuter-Return-Manage (TNRM) cat resource for Frederick MD and surrounding areas. TNRM is a humane alternative for managing and reducing stray, outdoor or farm cat populations. <https://tipmefrederick.org/>

- Town of Sharpsburg (Edited)

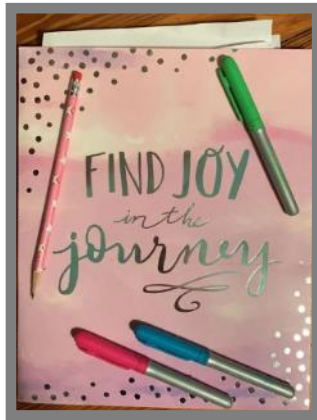




## Sharpsburg Writers Club

Would you like to join us? Starting Wednesday, March 15, 10AM to 11:30AM and meeting every third Wednesday of the month - Sharpsburg Writers Club. You are also welcome to bring friends and family who are interested in sharing their writing with the group to receive kind constructive comments with encouragement. We have a Christian focus and appreciate genres that respect this. Please private message Heidi Vertrees if you are interested or add a comment and let us know how to best contact you. (See also Community Calendar: Recurring Events)

- Ms. Heidi Vertrees



## Finally!! Farmer's Market Right Here in Town!

[Editor's Note: File this one under, "It's About Time!" Let's wish this project Good Luck and Godspeed.]



Twilight Homestead LLC announces its plan to start a farmer's market in Sharpsburg. They are seeking vendors and plan on operating

on the property of the Battleview Market the first and third Sundays, April through October from 10AM to 2PM.

twilighthomesteadllc@gmail.com



## Civil War Lecture Series

Mr. Chris Vincent announces this season's *Civil War Lecture Series*, at the Jacob Rohrbach Inn, June 7 to August 30. Check out the posters on page 14 and individual entries in the Community Calendar.



## SVFC Money Bonanza

February 6 at 11:42 PM

Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company (SVFC) have our spring Money Bonanza coming soon. Don't miss out on a chance to possibly



walk away \$1,500 dollars richer. It's \$40 dollars per couple which covers a meal for two and fireman's milk. Contact any member for a ticket. Only 124 tickets sold. See the poster on page 15.

- Breeze Benner, SVFC

## Jesus Preaching the Sermon on the Mount

Sharpsburg Bible Church is again welcoming the Reverend Steve Wingate, on Sunday March 19, in a "Live Portrayal of Jesus Preaching the Sermon on the Mount". At its 10:30AM worship service, Reverend Wingate will be portraying Jesus and reciting from

memory Jesus' message. Join us for an inspiring portrayal of Jesus Christ's greatest sermon.



All are welcome!

Church address: 5134 General Stuart Ct, Sharpsburg MD / 301-432-5309

(See also the Community Calendar)

- Ms. Jane Walkley, Congregant, Sharpsburg Bible Church (Edited)

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## Community Calendar

February 21 at 3PM: **Homeschool Program,**

See and learn about some 1800th Century Artifacts and reproductions from Peter Burr House in WV with Deborah Rochefort  
Sharpsburg Library  
301-432-8825

March 1 at 2PM: **Homeschool Book Club**

"We will discuss "El Deafo" by Cece Bell. The book has been made into a mini-series on AppleTV+. We will also learn a little sign language, look at a book in Braille and lots of other fun activities." – Library Barbara  
Sharpsburg Library  
301-432-8825

March 6 at 6PM: **Town Council Meeting**

Sharpsburg Town Hall  
106 E Main St, Sharpsburg, MD 21782  
301-432-4428

March 11: **Spring Metal Detecting Expo**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 209 W. Main Street  
Sharpsburg Museum of History  
301-800-6877 / Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

March 15 at 10AM to 11:30AM:

**Sharpsburg Writers Club** (First Session)

For details and location, please contact Ms. Heidi Vertrees by personal message)

(See also Community Calendar: Recurring Events)

March 19 at 10:30 AM: **"Live Portrayal of Jesus Preaching the Sermon on the Mount"** (See associated spot in this edition of the Crier)

Sharpsburg Bible Church  
5134 General Stuart Court, Sharpsburg  
301-432-5309

March 21 at 6PM: **Diabetes and Hypertension**

Join Lindsay Ridenour from the Washington County Health Department to learn more about diabetes and hypertension.  
Sharpsburg Library  
301-432-8825)

April 22: **Youth Day at the Museum**

Sharpsburg Museum of History  
Sharpsburg Town Hall  
301-800-6877 / Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

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April 23: **Antietam Institute Spring Symposium**  
**"Commanders, Civilians, and Casualties: New Research on the Maryland Campaign"**

<https://antietaminstitute.org/2023-spring-symposium/>

**April 29 9AM to 2PM: Maryland Poultry Swap and Farmer's Market**

Green Hill Farm  
5329 Mondell Rd, Sharpsburg, MD 21782  
240-329-6732  
<https://www.ghfarm.org/>

May 13 at 2PM: **Tom Clemmens, Civil War Author**

Sharpsburg Museum of History  
Sharpsburg Town Hall  
301-800-6877 / Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

**May 27: Sharpsburg Memorial Day Parade & Wreath Laying**

contact/Sharpsburg Museum of History  
Sharpsburg Town Hall  
301-800-6877 / Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

June 7 at 7PM: Alex Rossino and Gene Thorp, **"The Tale Untwisted"**

Jacob Rohrbach Inn  
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

June 10: **Women of Sharpsburg, Exhibit**

Sharpsburg Museum of History  
Sharpsburg Town Hall  
301-800-6877 / Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

June 14 at 7PM: **Richard D'Ambri-si, "Interpretive Themes For Experiencing Antietam National Battlefield"**

Jacob Rohrbach Inn  
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

June 21 at 7PM: **Joe Stahl and Matt Borders, "Civil War CDV's: Clues in the Cartes de Visite"**

Jacob Rohrbach Inn  
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

July 5 at 7PM: Jim Smith, **"The Chambersburg Raid: Jeb Stuart's October 1862 Ride Around the Army of the Potomac"**

Jacob Rohrbach Inn  
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

July 8: **Sharpsburg's 260th Anniversary Open House Event**

Sharpsburg Museum of History  
Sharpsburg Town Hall  
301-800-6877 / Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

July 12 at 7PM: Steve Stotelmyer, **"Sugar Loaf Mountain: The Overlooked Confederate Intelligence Failure of the Maryland Campaign"**

Jacob Rohrbach Inn  
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

July 19 at 7PM: Darin Wipperman, **"His Example Will Not be Lost': The 30-day Civil War of Robert Hale Ives, Jr."**

Jacob Rohrbach Inn  
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

July 26 at 7PM: **Laura Marfut, "The Battle for Maryland Heights in the Siege of Harpers Ferry"**  
Jacob Rohrbach Inn  
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

August 2 at 7AM: Kevin Pawlak and Jon-Erik Gilot, **"John Brown's Raid: Harpers Ferry and the Coming of the American Civil War, October 16-18, 1859"**  
Jacob Rohrbach Inn  
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

August 9 at 7PM: Brad Gottfried, **"The Antietam Paintings of James Hope"**  
Jacob Rohrbach Inn  
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

August 12: **Antique Exhibit**  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 209 W. Main Street  
Sharpsburg Museum of History  
301-800-6877 / Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

August 16 at 7PM: Sarah Kay Bierle, **"John Pelham: Trained at West Point but Aiming Artillery for the Confederacy"**  
Jacob Rohrbach Inn  
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

August 23 at 7PM: **" 'A Perfect Purgatory': Two Generals' journeys from Antietam Creek to the Trans-Mississippi"**  
Jacob Rohrbach Inn  
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

**August 30 at 7PM: John Schildt, "The Life Henry Kyd Douglas"**  
Jacob Rohrbach Inn  
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

September 15-16: **Antietam Anniversary Weekend, Exhibits, Sharpsburg Rifle Reunion, and Sharpsburg Citizens During and After the Battle of Antietam**  
Sharpsburg Museum of History  
Sharpsburg Town Hall  
301-800-6877 / Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

October 14: **Museum's Sixth Anniversary – Exhibit/Public Celebration for Volunteers**  
Sharpsburg Museum of History  
Sharpsburg Town Hall  
301-800-6877 / Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

November 11 at the Eleventh Hour: **Veterans Day Wreath Laying Town Square**  
Town of Sharpsburg  
<https://www.facebook.com/TheTownOfSharpsburg>  
<https://sharpsburgmd.com/>  
301-432-4428

November 18 from 10AM to 2PM: **Native American Artifacts**  
Sharpsburg Museum of History  
Sharpsburg Town Hall  
301-800-6877 / Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

November 18 – **Sharpsburg Rifle Reunion**  
Sharpsburg Museum of History  
Sharpsburg Town Hall  
301-800-6877 / Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

December 1 at 7PM: **Sharpsburg Christmas Tree Lighting**

Town Square  
Town of Sharpsburg  
<https://www.facebook.com/TheTownOfSharpsburg>  
<https://sharpsburgmd.com/>  
301-432-4428

December (date to be determined):

**Wreaths Across Antietam**

National Cemetery  
Town of Sharpsburg  
<https://www.facebook.com/TheTownOfSharpsburg>  
<https://sharpsburgmd.com/>  
301-432-4428

### **Recurring Events 2022**

Any Time the Library's Open: **Winter Spice Club**, March is Mace

(Each month, come by and pick up a packet.) You get the history and info about the spice and recipes that use the spice.

Sharpsburg Library  
301-432-8825

First and Third Sundays, April through October from 10AM to 2PM:

**Farmer's Market**

Battleview Market Property  
Twilight Homestead LLC  
[twilighthomesteadllc@gmail.com](mailto:twilighthomesteadllc@gmail.com)

Third Wednesdays of the Month from 10AM to 11:30AM: **Sharpsburg Writers Club**

(For details and location, please contact Ms. Heidi Vertrees by personal message)

Any Time the Library's Open: **Art of the Month**, January is Rug Hooking

(Each month a different art form will be displayed along with books pertaining to that art.)

Sharpsburg Library  
301-432-8825

Thursdays 9AM to 3PM, February 2 to April 13:

**Master Gardener Training Classes 2023**

Washington County Agricultural Education Center  
7313 Sharpsburg Pike, Boonsboro, MD 21713  
[acormany@umd.edu](mailto:acormany@umd.edu) / 301-791-1604

1st Wednesday of the month at 1PM

Adults: Book Share  
Sharpsburg Library  
301-432-8825

Kid's Zone: Ages Eight and Up  
Sharpsburg Library anytime we are open **Make a Mini Zen Garden!** For tweens and teens!  
301-432-8825

Thursdays at 3:30PM: **Storytime**  
Sharpsburg Library  
301-432-8825

Second Thursdays every month, **Lion's Club** 7PM, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 209 W. Main St, Sharpsburg, MD 21782 [See special event February 9]

First Saturdays at 10AM: **Lego Club**  
Sharpsburg Library  
301-432-8825





## Area Churches

Christ Reformed Church  
117 West Main Street  
Sharpsburg  
301-432-6182  
Sundays: 9AM

United Christian Fellowship  
18823 Shepherdstown Pike,  
Keedysville, MD 21756  
301-432-0110  
Sundays: 8:45AM Fellowship, 9AM  
Sunday School, 10AM Worship &  
Children's Church

Sharpsburg Church of the Brethren  
123 E Main St, Sharpsburg  
Sundays at AM, Sunday School at  
10:30AM  
301-432-4944

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
209 West Main Street  
Sharpsburg  
301-432-7098  
Sundays: 10AM, Sunday School  
(Second and Fourth Sundays start-  
ing September 25)



Burnside First Church of God

3904 Mills Rd, Sharpsburg

Sharpsburg Bible Church  
5134 General Stuart Court, Sharps-  
burg  
301-432-5309  
Sunday School 9:30 AM to 10:30  
AM, Sunday Morning Worship &  
Children's Church 10:30 AM to  
11:30 AM

## Mayor & Councilpersons

Russ Weaver – Mayor

Jacob Martz – Vice Mayor

Mia Parsons – Council

John Hammond – Council

Ed Beeler-Council

Robbie Waters – Council

Joe Kudla – Council

(Carrie Estell – Town Clerk)

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Zoning Administrator-Tim Lung

[Sharpsburg.md.zoning@gmail.com](mailto:Sharpsburg.md.zoning@gmail.com)

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**ATTACHMENTS:**





Mayor & Council of Sharpsburg  
Meeting Agenda  
Monday, February 6, 2023, 6 PM

## Drafted

In attendance: Jacob Martz, Russ Weaver (via ZOOM), Robbie Waters, Ed Beeler, Joe Kudla, John Hammond, Mia Parsons, Carolyn Waters, Heather Waters, Patty Hammond, Carter Hammond, Perry Jamieson, Chris Vincent, Jen Bruin & Carrie Estell

Called meeting to order at 6:02 and pledge of allegiance was led by Robbie Waters

Minutes from January to approval-Ed motioned, Robbie seconded, and all were in favor of January's meeting minutes

**Kevin Tucker, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Washington County**-Swearing in of our newly elected officials, Jacob Martz, vice mayor, Robert Waters, councilmen, Joseph Kudla, councilman, and Clarence Beeler, councilman. Each newly elected persons were awarded a Certificate of Qualification.

### Public guests/comments

#### Patty Hammond-D.A.R. information

Ms. Hammond presented to council her chapter's vision of honoring the steadfast organization. Her grandson Carter passed an informational flyer to all council members. She stated that the Antietam chapter of the DAR are encouraging to place markers in towns, the show the patriotism. The state started off by donating \$500.00 towards the cost of the post and cap bronze plaque marker. The marker will be 30" x 30" and modeled after standard government plaques. Robbie thought it a great idea and motioned for a donation that matches the state's \$500.00, Joe seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Placement of plaque will be determined by council later.

#### Officer Peyton-presentation of traffic law enforcement

Checks-Antietam Station-12, Park-11, School-7, Little League-5, foot patrol-1.5hrs  
traffic enforcement-7 hrs., (5 warnings 1 citation), 2 collisions and 1 parking complaint  
Time out for court and training, intoximeter testing

At the meeting, Officer Peyton shared speeding and crosswalk observations and data. He reviewed what he can enforce regarding parking and writing violations. Delegate Bill Wivell has put into the state's legislation a no parking of commercial trucks, this will allow him to write parking violations for tractor trailer and other commercial vehicles. Joe will meet up with Officer Peyton to get wordage on signs. The state law will go into effect October 1<sup>st</sup>. He urged citizens to call the sheriff department for any suspicious activity. Ms. Carolyn Waters spoke about a car that did donuts in the pond's parking lot that went on to Dargan to damage other areas. Peyton said he would speak to neighbors near the pond and reiterated that folks should not hesitate to call he sheriff's number for concerns.

### Mayor's Report-

#### Finances-January income and expense and Year to Date budget

Carrie went through the YTD budget and highlighted the budget lines that were over 100% as we are a little over halfway through with the fiscal year. Most of the overages were from QuickBooks not calculating payroll taxes correctly, Special Events increase due to banner cost, the cost of the banners is listed under miscellaneous income which very high. Building repairs are also very high due to the bathroom issues town hall is having. January income and expenses were reviewed. John had a few questions and Ed motioned for the financials to be approved, Robbie seconded, and all were in favor.

**Wells**-County council is seeking staff input. This is necessary to proceed.

#### Community Park-

Successfully got one of two known vandals who damaged building to pay; the other person has until end of February.  
Story Walk completed, library wants to do a ribbon cutting ceremony, they are waiting on signage and stories  
Looking into a fence between story panels and drop off

#### Historic Park

Presented construction phase to Project Open Space. Well received and county is searching for additional funding.  
Kick off meeting for detail design with Frederick Seibert and Associates and Mahan Rykiel.

**Historic Walls**- Working with MDOT to make sure walls are part of their 2023 plan

#### Town Hall

Sound installed but has a bug. Meeting schedule week of 2/6/2023  
Desk wiring, still needs a few items  
Continual problem of clogged drain to be fixed by replacing 13 feet of cast iron piping.  
Bathroom policy-both bathrooms will be locked

#### Big Spring

Have a work around for performing prime contracting tasks with Gruber Latimer  
Final fence proposal is pending.

**Boyer House**-No further action pending engineering review, SHAF has applied for a county grant to purchase house but has not heard. Need to check if state delegation asked for bonding issue.

**Streets & General Maintenance**

List of projects for rest of FY2022 provided by Joe to be worked off before 7/1/2023.

Beginning to focus on Main Street Scape

**Zoning-Tim Lung (only critical items)**

Received a building permit application for a new single-family dwelling to be located on the vacant lot on the east side of South Hall St. between Antietam and High St. This is the same property that was subject to the BZA variance for setbacks to locate a manufactured home. Current application meets setbacks. Per the Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Commission will review and comment on the application.

Received a building permit application from Verizon wireless to locate up to 6 additional cell antennas on the legs of the existing County owned water tank with associated cabling, junction boxes and ground equipment to be in the existing equipment compound at the base of the tower. No additional zoning review required. Antennas are being co-located on an existing support structure.

Investigated a complaint and issued a notice of violation with cease-and-desist order for a short-term rental use on W. Main Street operating without receiving Zoning approval.

Have requested update from Wash Co Public Schools on status of the review of drainage issue from the elementary school as follow up to field meeting held in December. WCPS was to review the original plans, recalculate the runoff and report back.

Received notification from Antietam Broadband that they will be starting their work to install above ground fiber cable service to Town residents. All work will be done above ground with cabling and equipment to be located on existing utility poles. No Town utility permit required. Notification to be placed on Town's Facebook page.

No application received to date from the prospective tenant for the vacant commercial space at 100 E. Main Street in front of Nutters. Zoning certificate and sign permit required.

Will not be at Town Hall Feb 10, 17, 24

**Council reports**

**Robbie Waters**

Story Walk installed, 16 story panels, two benches and gravel walkway

Shed to be moved in the next week or two

The shed by the Veterans' Memorial Park was cleaned out and organized, the place needs to stay this way. Robbie took a lot of time getting all parade and street signs and equipment organized. Russ suggested, (via zoom), that there may be too many people with keys and to get it rekeyed. Carrie will reach out to Pro-Tech tomorrow.

**Joe Kudla**

Joe will reach out to MDOT again for a reminder about the historic walls to be on their list for renovating and fixing.

He will work with Officer Peyton about no tractor trailer signage as Delegate Wivell brought this into the legislative session to be in effect Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Jacob Martz-**

Met with DSL to resolve incompatibility issues with the sound system, issues still not resolved.

Met with the fencing company at the Hull property to determine the location of the fencing at the Big Spring-boundaries were recorded incorrectly, so the plat needs to be redrawn. This was a misunderstanding with the homeowner, and it was about a shed area close to the ally

Submitted a letter of support for the Antietam Institute to assist with their grant application.

Memorial Day Preparations

Received 5k from Washington County Convention & Visitors Bureau

Next meeting is tomorrow night at town hall at 6 pm

**John Hammond**

Mia had John reach out to Clint for an estimate on the railings in front of the library and town hall. During the meeting John was in communication with Clint about pricing. Pricing and a quick fix of using brackets and existing rails was described. Price not to exceed 1500.00 was voted on and all were in favor. The price went up to \$200.00 for the complete job. As the railings are in bad shape it was agreed that would be an acceptable price. Robbie mentioned for the price, Ed seconded, and all were in favor. John stated he was unsure of what Russ wanted in terms of the railing work and described the work in detail saying it would take a few hours.

**Mia Parson**

Working on a spring package for tree planting along Main Street, not sure of species or number will consult notes. Want to deliver what council and residents want. Mia to send Robbie a list of trees to get estimate from Sunny Meadows

**Ed Beeler**

Attendance for January: 68- No donations this month

Diorama will be moved and worked on in the museum annex building

Next Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> a volunteers meeting will be at Town Hall

Events Committee Meeting next Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

Starting this year, January & February will be used as time to focus on new displays and cleaning and organizing. This will give our visitors a

better experience.

Events for 2023:

Metal Detecting Expo - March 11 at St. Paul's Social rm. From 10-2

Youth Day @ the museum – April 22 at SMH from 10-4

History Talk with Tom Clemens – May 13 at SMH 2pm.

Women of Sharpsburg – June 10 at SMH 10-4

Sharpsburg's 260<sup>th</sup> Open House at SMH from 10-4

Antiques of Sharpsburg Show at St. Paul's Hall – August 12 from 10-4

Sharpsburg Citizens during Antietam / Antietam Anniversary weekend – Sept. 15-16 at SMH

SMH 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/ Volunteer Celebration – October 14 at St. Paul's Hall 6pm

Native American Artifact Expo – November 18 at SMH from 10-2

All events will be held at SMH unless said otherwise.

**Old Business/ACTIONS:**

**Parking issue in front of the Lutheran Church**-signage will be posted and Officer Peyton is aware. Joe will reach out to homeowners that reside near that problem area. Signs for no parking in that area, Robbie motioned, Joe second and all were in favor of the no parking for the corner of Church and Main.

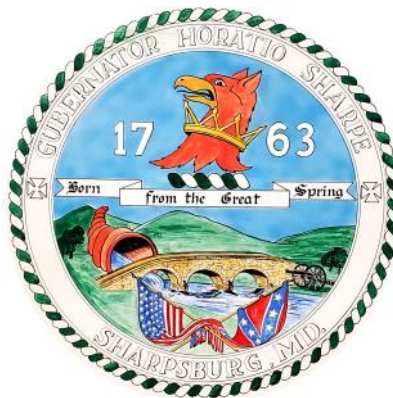
**US 250th Anniversary Planning Summit on January 31<sup>st</sup>** Jake & Joe attended there were many ideas from Carroll and Frederick Counties along with Northern Virginia. The basis of the meeting is to get communities working together to help with prompting each other's programs. Joe is going to draft up a list of events that Ed could use to not only promote but use to boost museum attendance.

**New Business**

**Painting of three walls in town hall for museum**-Ed wanted to show the color selection, (Federal blue), all were in favor of the painting, museum will pay for the cost of this project.

Larry and Son's work (\$9,259.00)-there have been many clogs to the bathroom pipes and the last one needed a large machine that forced water into the system to unclog the lines. The solution to this is to replace 13' the steel pipe that is underground that connects the PVC piping to the grinder pump. Work will take up to three days. Robbie motioned for the bathroom repair job, Joe seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10, next meeting Monday, March 6, 2023





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<http://sharpsburgmd.com/>

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February 1, 2023

Greetings!

The Sharpsburg Memorial Day Committee is pleased to invite your organization to participate in the 156<sup>th</sup> Sharpsburg Memorial Day Parade. **This year's theme commemorates The Korean War ("The Forgotten War").** The parade will be held on **Saturday, May 27, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.**

Parade participants not involved in the morning ceremony should plan to report to the Sharpsburg Elementary School parking lot and check in with the Parade Marshal by no later than 1:00 p.m. Participants will be provided with their staging number by email two weeks prior to the event, and should be prepared to present this information to the Parade Marshal upon arrival. All walking units will be staged on the grounds of Sharpsburg Elementary School, regardless of parade placement; a site map will be included to indicate the location of Parade Marshals and vehicular staging areas, as well as drop off and parking locations for walking units.

Please be advised that traffic usually travels slowly through town, so please allow your group enough time to arrive and check in. Keep in mind that Main Street will be closed through town from approximately 10:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. for the morning ceremony, so remain alert for alternating traffic patterns as you arrive.

If you are interested in participating, please complete the second page of form and return by email to **[townofsharpsburg@comcast.net](mailto:townofsharpsburg@comcast.net)**, with "Memorial Day Parade" in the subject line, or mail to the address listed above. If you have any questions, please call Town Hall at (301) 432-4428. Submissions must be received by **April 15, 2023**.

Thank you for your support of this historical event, we look forward to seeing you there!

Regards,

Jacob Martz  
Vice Mayor & Memorial Day Committee Chairman



## 2023 Memorial Day Parade Participation RSVP Form

### Important Reminders:

- Participants should plan to arrive no later than 1:00 p.m.
- Participants will be provided with their staging number prior to parade day. Please have this information handy when checking in with the Parade Marshal.
- All walking units will be staged at Sharpsburg Elementary School.
- Political Organizations are asked to devote their display to the theme of the parade.
- Elected Officials may place a sign indicating their identity, but are also strongly encouraged to incorporate parade themes.
- Distribution of literature is prohibited.
- Participants **shall not** use emergency sirens during the parade. Please remember that local emergency units participating in the parade are **active units**; as such, the use of emergency sirens is reserved strictly for them, and shall be used only in the event of an actual emergency during the parade. **If an emergency siren is activated during the parade, participants are advised to allow for the passage of responding vehicles.**

\*Please print your name/name of organization exactly how you would like it to appear in the Sharpsburg Memorial Day Commemoration Program Book\*

Please provide the name of participating unit just as you would like it to be announced during the parade. This is also how it will appear in the Memorial Day Commemoration Program Book.

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Point of Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (this is how you will receive your staging information): \_\_\_\_\_

My group will be (please circle one):

Walking only                      Combination walking and riding                      Everyone is riding in a vehicle or float

Number and type of vehicle(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*How many spaces will your vehicle(s) and/or float(s) require for staging? (one space = 25 ft.) \_\_\_\_\_\*\***



## **CIVIL WAR LECTURE SERIES**

**Every Wednesday evening June 7 ~ August 30**

SPONSORED BY THE

**JACOB ROHRBACH INN**

Come learn from Antietam Battlefield Guides and other leading historians and as they discuss intriguing topics of the Maryland Campaign and the Civil War.

These outdoors programs will be held at the Jacob Rohrbach Inn on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. To ensure adequate seating, please bring a chair. In case of inclement weather, lectures will be held at the Sharpsburg Christ Reformed United Church of Christ on Main Street. Parking is available on Main and Hall Streets. For updates and a full schedule of presenters & topics check out our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Antietam's-Jacob-Rohrbach-Inn](http://www.facebook.com/Antietam's-Jacob-Rohrbach-Inn) or our blog at [www.jacob-rohrbach-inn.com/blog/](http://www.jacob-rohrbach-inn.com/blog/) For further information call (301) 432-5079.

~ ~ BONUS ~ ~

**These evening programs are entirely free and open to the public!**

**HEADQUARTERS, SHARPSBURG, MARYLAND**

**JACOB ROHRBACH INN**

**138 West Main Street**

Guest Speakers include:

Alex Rossino / Gene Thorp ~ Richard D'Ambrisi ~ Joe Stahl / Matt Borders ~ Jim Rosebrock  
Jim Smith ~ Steven Stotelmyer ~ Darrin Wipperman ~ Laura Marfut ~ Brad Gottfried  
Kevin Pawlak / Jon-Erik Gilot ~ Sarah Kay Bierle ~ Michael Lang ~ John Schildt



### Topics & Speakers

- June 7 - Alex Rossino & Gene Thorp - The Tale Untwisted
- June 14 - Richard D'Ambrisi - Interpretive Themes For Experiencing Antietam National Battlefield
- June 21 - Joe Stahl & Matt Borders - "Civil War CDV's: Clues in the Cartes de Visite
- June 28 - Jim Rosebrock - Antietam Artillery Battle Lines
- July 5 - Jim Smith - The Chambersburg Raid: Jeb Stuart's October 1862 Ride Around the Army of the Potomac
- July 12 - Steve Stotelmyer - Sugar Loaf Mountain: The Overlooked Confederate Intelligence Failure of the Maryland Campaign
- July 19 - Darin Wipperman - "His Example Will Not be Lost": The 30-day Civil War of Robert Hale Ives, Jr.
- July 26 - Laura Marfut - The Battle for Maryland Heights in the Siege of Harpers Ferry
- August 2 - Kevin Pawlak & Jon-Erik Gilot - John Brown's Raid: Harpers Ferry and the Coming of the American Civil War, October 16-18, 1859
- August 9- Brad Gottfried - The Antietam Paintings of James Hope
- August 16 - Sarah Kay Bierle - John Pelham: Trained at West Point but Aiming Artillery for the Confederacy
- August 23 - Michael Lang - "A Perfect Purgatory": Two Generals' journeys from Antietam Creek to the Trans-Mississippi.
- August 30 - John Schildt - The Life Henry Kyd Douglas



**Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company**

## 2023 Spring Money Bonanza



**Over \$2,100 in prizes**

**\$1,500 Final Prize**

**April 1, 2023**

At District 12 Community V.F.C.

18002 Tilghmanton Rd. Fairplay, MD 21733

Doors open at 4 PM-Dinner at 6:00 PM

*Ticket includes drawing chance, dinner for 2 and Fireman's milk*

*Gaming and raffles available. Age 18 for admittance/21 to drink.*

*Only 125 tickets.*

For Tickets/Info-Please contact a member or call 301-991-2230



**Tickets only \$40**



# SHARPSBURG DAYS



**LIVE MUSIC  
HISTORY  
FOOD  
ACTIVITIES**

**OCT. Town Square  
1 Sharpsburg**

**9:00am-4:00pm**

- Food Trucks (food for purchase)
- Craft Vendors
- Children's Activities
- Family Entertainment
- Live Music
- Raffle
- Bounce House
- Living History
- Scarecrow Decorating Contest
- Sidewalk Chalk Drawing Contest
- Historic Talks & Tours
- Band: Park Avenue Band  
NOON - 4PM (Playing 60s, 70s, & 80s music)
- Movie Night - 6PM @ Church & Main St.

**~FREE~  
EVENT**

PRESENTED BY:



More info: [f](#)  
**301-800-6877**  
Loveshistory1866@gmail.com

**SEPT. Antietam  
30 Vineyards**

**5:00pm-8:00pm**

- Living History
- Live Music
- Band: Morning Sky  
(Playing Bluegrass inspired music)

## METAL DETECTING EXHIBIT

*presented by Sharpsburgh Museum of History*



**SATURDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> FROM 10AM-2PM**

Exhibit Located at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

209 W Main St, Sharpsburg, MD - Parking in Back



- Come view items found in Washington County and the Sharpsburg area •
- Talk to experts about their experience with metal detecting •

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